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within the meaning of the act, which would have to be left to the discretion of the courts.

Several chapters of the book are devoted to a brief description of the accidents which are apt to occur involving the various organs and tissues of the body.

This volume will be of interest to all persons interested in workmen's compensation for accidents and injuries, and to persons who are planning legislation similar in scope to the English Workmen's Compensation Act.

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Kapitalanlagen der Versicherungsanstalten in Staatspapieren.

Veröffentlichungen des Deutschen Vereins für Versicherungswissenschaft, 21. (Berlin: Ernst Siegfried Mittler und Sohn. 1911. Pp. 56.)

Grundzüge des Versicherungswesens. By ALFRED MANES. (Leipzig: B. G. Teubner. 1911. Pp. vi, 141. 1.25 m.)

Kritik des Entwurfs eines Versicherungsgesetzes für Angestellte.

Veröffentlichungen des Deutschen Vereins für Versicherungswissenschaft, 23. (Berlin: Ernst Siegfried Mittler und Sohn. 1911. Pp. 92.)

The first of these three books on insurance is an excellent discussion, by selected members of the association, on the investment of insurance funds in government securities, presenting its legal aspects, administrative difficulties, and fiscal and business effects, and also discussing the relation of insurance taxes to investment returns. From the point of view of insurance officials, government securities are frequently less to be preferred than corporate securities; and, to make a market for their securities, governments have, in some cases, taken advantage of their power of regulating insurance companies. In the United States a few states have attempted to "keep money in the state" by requiring a large percentage of the premiums collected in the state to be locally invested. European governments have also followed the policy to some extent. Buyers of insurance are, however, interested in securing good returns on their investments quite as much as in knowing that they are secure. Extensive tables are given, showing the character of the investments.

The second edition of the "Outlines of Insurance" by Manes,

does not in treatment exceed its title; it is a useful source of information, discussing concisely and clearly such topics as the following: development and organization, the contract, economic and social aspects, insurance departments, re-insurance, and different kinds of insurance including the ordinary life, accident, fire, security, live-stock, and the less known forms in this country—hail-storm and transport insurance. A bibliography of literature accompanies each chapter.

The *Kritik* is a discussion of the German working-man's insurance law, by selected members of the association. All phases are discussed—the conditions leading up to past legislation, the shortcomings of the past laws, and the prospective effect of the new law.

W. F. GEPHART.

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MOORHOUSE, E. A. and WOODHOUSE, J. R. *National insurance act, 1911. Handbook for employers, with specimen account forms for working the act.* (Liverpool: Daily Post and Mercury. 1912. Pp. 44. 2s. 6d.)

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